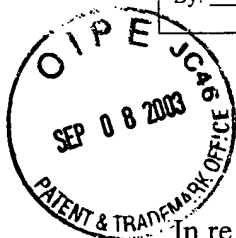


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In re the application of:

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Application No.: 10/029,570

Filed: December 20, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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ENDOVASCULAR GRAFT
MATERIAL

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 8, 2003, which set forth the following restriction on the group of claims listed below:

- I. Claims 1-28, drawn to a mold for the manufacture of an endovascular graft;
- II. Claims 29-36 and 74, drawn to a pressure line;
- III. Claims 37-48, drawn to a mandrel for shape forming a graft;
- IV. Claims 49-55 and 72, 73 and 75, drawn to an assembly for the manufacture of an endovascular graft; and
- V. Claims 56-71 and 76-78, drawn to a method of forming a channel.

Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-28, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional or related application to the claims of non-elected groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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